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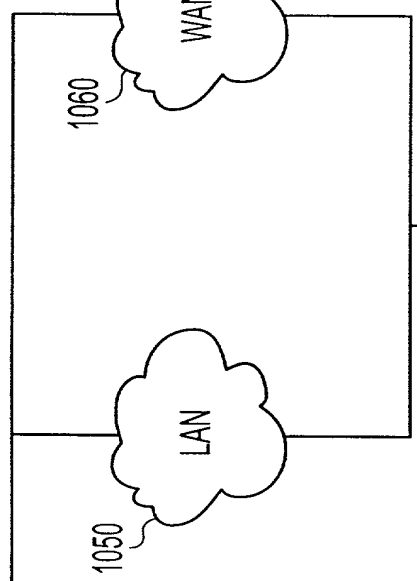
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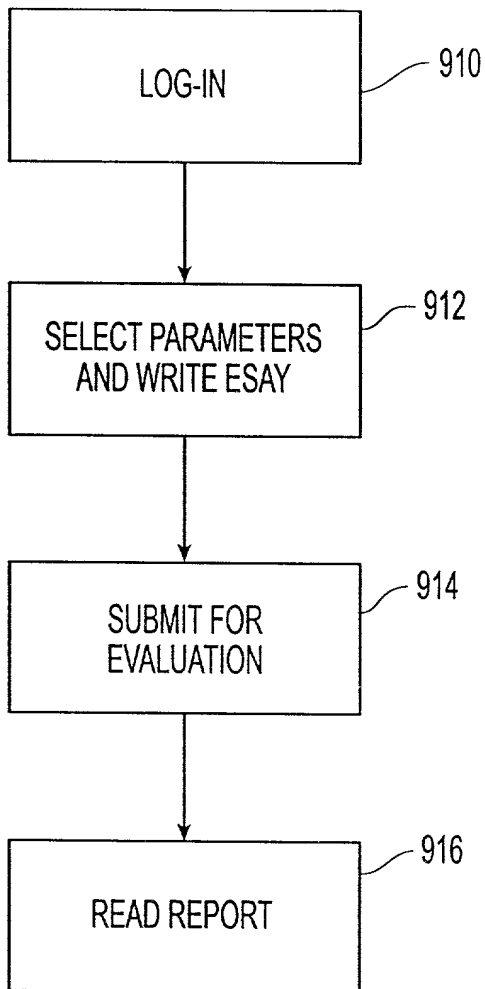
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Fig. 1

*Fig. 2*



RocketScore™ Essay Grader

A diagram of a login form. It consists of a rectangular box labeled 810. Inside the box, there are two input fields. The first field is labeled "USERNAME" and is pointed to by a line from label 815. The second field is labeled "PASSWORD" and is pointed to by a line from label 817. To the right of these fields, at the bottom of the box, is a button labeled "Login", which is pointed to by a line from label 819.

Fig. 3

Essay Options

Select the type and topic of the essay you wish to write:

☒ SAT II style question ☐ AP style question

Timing options

☒ Write the essay timed **30**

☐ Use default time limit

Grading Policy

☐ Lenient ☒ Normal ☐ Strict

Labels and callouts:

- 231: SAT II style question
- 232: AP style question
- 232b: Write the essay timed
- 232a: Use default time limit
- 233: Grading Policy
- 233a: Lenient
- 233b: Normal
- 233c: Strict
- 234: Instructions
- 235: Load an old essay
- 236: Start writing this essay
- 237: 30

Fig. 4

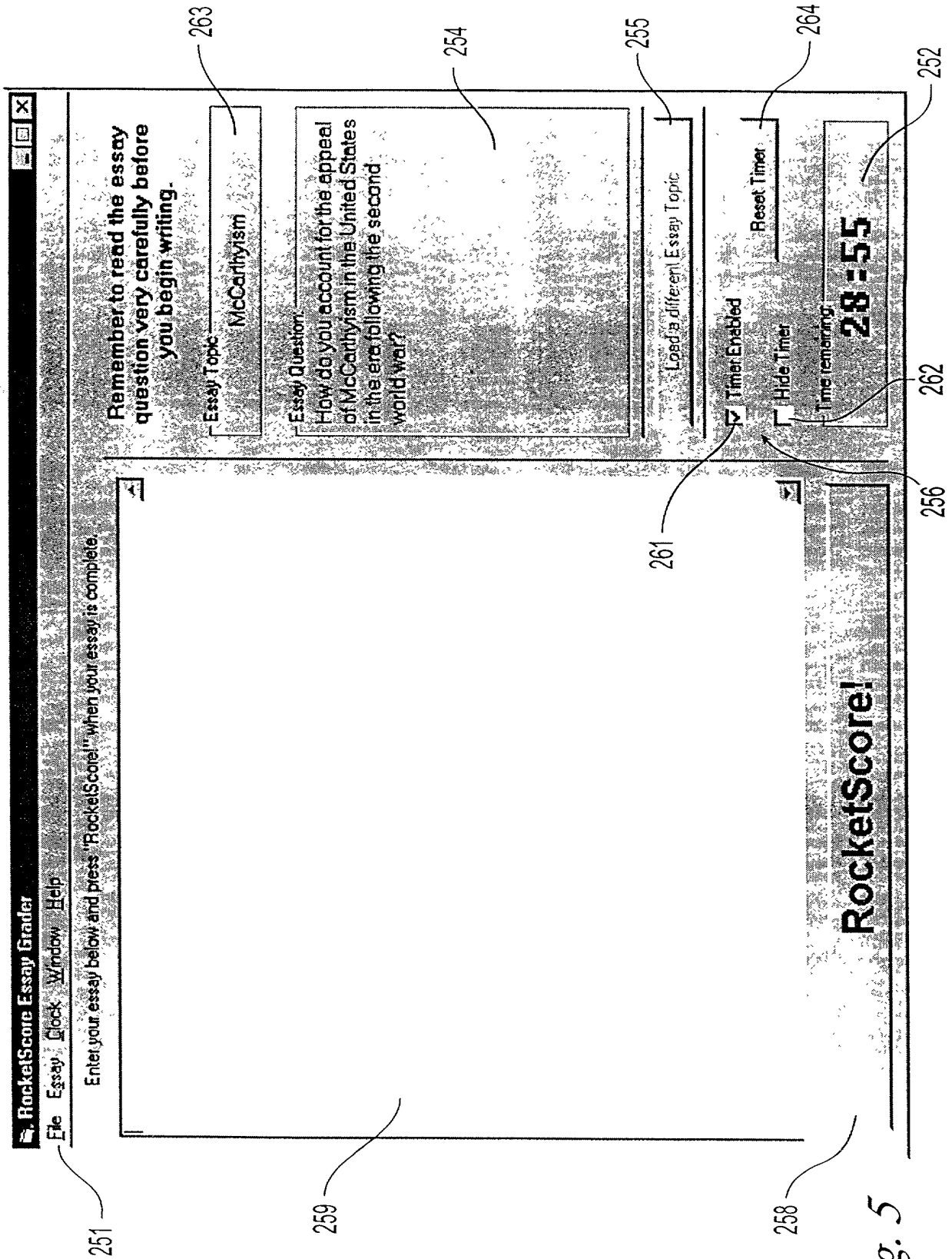


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Essay Grader Score Report

Results/Analysis of your Essay

Writing Subscore: 5.8

Content Subscore: 9.2

Overall Essay Score: **8.1**

Essay Topic: McCarthyism

Essay Question: How do you account for the appeal of McCarthyism in the United States in the era following the second world war?

Notes concerning your essay: The box to the right contains concepts which you neglected to mention in your essay.

Blacklist
career
Eisenhower
Hollywood
House Un-American Activities Committee
Julius and Ethel Rosenberg
McCarran Security Act
Senator McCarthy
suspected
suspicion

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Fig. 6

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Sample RocketScore Report

Name: John Smith Date: April 17, 2000

AP Subject: American History

Essay Question: How do you account for the appeal of McCarthyism in the United States in the era following the Second World War?

Outline Topics: Truman and the Cold War, Eisenhower and Modern Republicanism

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Overall Essay Score: 7.5 (out of 10) Writing Sub-Score: 5.6 Content Sub-Score: 8.5
Your overall score is a combination of your writing and content sub-scores. Keep in mind that your essay score is combined with your score on the multiple-choice questions to determine your final AP score (a summary of which is provided on the following page).

Relevant Details Omitted:

Remember that the person grading your AP essays will spend only a few minutes doing so. He or she will be looking for certain key terms and concepts that demonstrate you "know the topic."

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The following terms, roughly in *declining* order of importance, would have been included in a complete, "ideal" answer. Your content sub-score as well as your overall score would have been higher if you had included the omitted terms indicated below.

Essential Terms and Concepts

Senator McCarthy Senator Joseph McCarthy.....	omitted	
American.....		included
Soviet Union / Communism / Communist.....		included
fear / scare / Red Scare.....		included
Hiss / Alger Hiss.....		included
television / televised / publicized.....		included
Truman / President Truman.....		included
Rosenbergs Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.....		included
hearings / Army / Army-McCarthy hearings.....		included
McCarran Security Act / employees.....		included
suspected / suspicion.....	omitted	
Cold War.....		included

"Extra-Credit" Terms and Concepts

convict.....		included
witch hunt.....	omitted	
career.....	omitted	
HUAC / House Un-American Activities Committee / House Committee..	omitted	
Eisenhower.....	omitted	
Hollywood / blacklist.....	omitted	
Welch / Joseph N. Welch.....	omitted	

Fig. 7A

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McCarthyism represented the effects of the "Second Red Scare" in the United States. It was the 1950's and the beginning of the Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union. Fear of communism and the Soviet Union, along with the natural characteristic of conformity in the 1950's are responsible for the appeal of McCarthyism following WWII.

The United States, being a capitalistic democratic nation has never had an appeal for communism. The 1950's was a time of economic prosperity and the people felt threatened by anything different than their own economic system. Naturally, they felt threatened by the Soviet Union and any type of communist spreading. The Army-McCarthy hearings were not the only instance of American "Red Fear." There was also the case of Alger Hiss and the "pumpkin papers." The Rosenbergs were also convicted and quickly "exterminated" as Soviet Communist spies. The Americans in the period had a severe fear of anything that had to do with communism and were quick to "reveal" and get rid of anything associated with it.

The 1950's is often called The Age of Conformity. There was a fear of differences in the time period that was also contributive to the actual 'Red Scare' itself. During this time period, if anyone had disagreed with McCarthy and his anti-communist crusade they themselves in turn might have been assumed to be communist sympathizers. President Truman during this time was swayed by this conformist public opinion to search the federal government for any employees who might be communists. This Search Act accordingly was responsible for the dismissal of over a hundred federal employees. The television was also an object of conformity during this time period. By the 1950's, most American families possessed a television set. The Army-McCarthy hearings were televised and highly publicized elsewhere. The conformity of the 1950's and the social tendency to follow the crowd is significantly responsible for the appeal of McCarthyism.

The 1950's, the "Second Red Scare," encompassed a people who quickly embraced McCarthyism.

Their fear of communism and the natural conformity of the age is responsible for the appeal of the McCarthy accusations and "findings."

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Edit and Resubmit Option?

For additional practice, you may want to see how you would have done had your essay included the omitted topics identified on the previous page.

To simulate test conditions, set your timer for 10 minutes and type in your additions and other changes. When you are finished, press the RESUBMIT icon and your essay will be rescored (though it will not count in your progress chart).

Fig. 7B

Performance on Multiple-Choice Questions

The following chart indicates your relative mastery of the topics tested on the American History on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 highest. Those topics identified with an asterisk represent topics of relative weakness that you should especially review for the test. (If you have a choice of essay question on the actual exam, you should consider avoiding these weak spots and select topics in your strongest areas.)

Current Mastery of American History Topics

Discovery and Settlement of the New World, 1492-1650	3*
America and the British Empire, 1650-1754	4*
Colonial Society in the Mid-Eighteenth Century	7
Road to Revolution, 1754-1775	7
The American Revolution, 1775-1783	8
Constitution and the New Republic, 1776-1800	8
The Age of Jefferson, 1800-1816	2*
Nationalism and Economic Expansion	9
Sectionalism	9
Age of Jackson, 1828-1848	6
Territorial Expansion and Sectional Crisis	5*
Creating an American Culture	8
The 1850's: Decade of Crisis	8
Civil War	7
Reconstruction to 1877	8
New South and the Last West	9
Industrialization and Corporate Consolidation	6
Urban Society	10
Intellectual and Cultural Movements	9
National Politics, 1877-1896: The Gilded Age	10
Foreign Policy, 1865-19 14	7
Progressive Era	8
The First World War	6
New Era: The 1920s	8
Depression and the New Deal	9
Diplomacy in the 1930s	10
The Second World War	10
Truman and the Cold War	8
Eisenhower and Modern Republicanism	7
Kennedy's New Frontier; Johnson's Great Society	6
Nixon	3*
The United States since 1974	4*
CURRENT OVERALL MASTERY OF AMERICAN HISTORY	7

Fig. 7C

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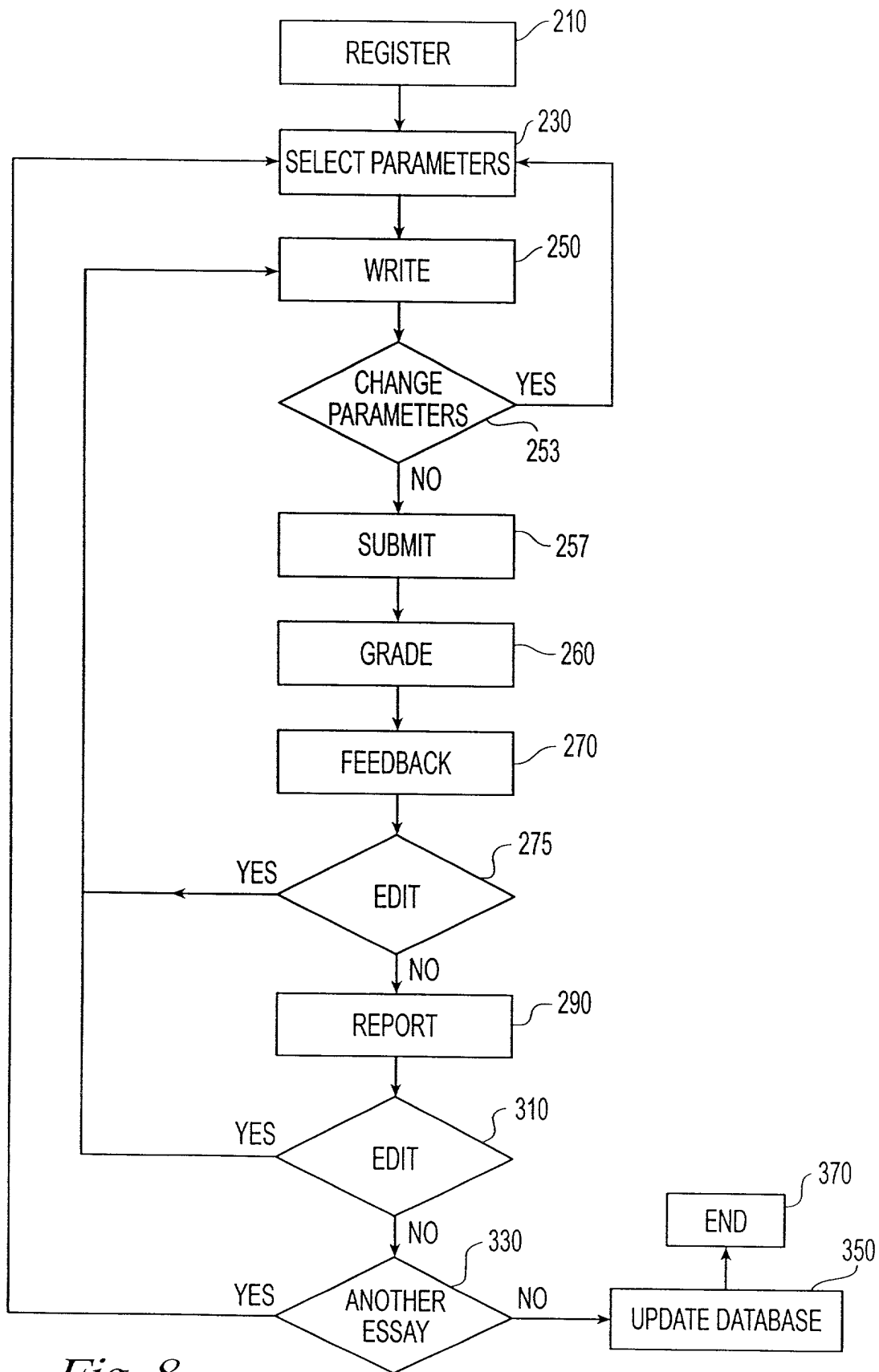


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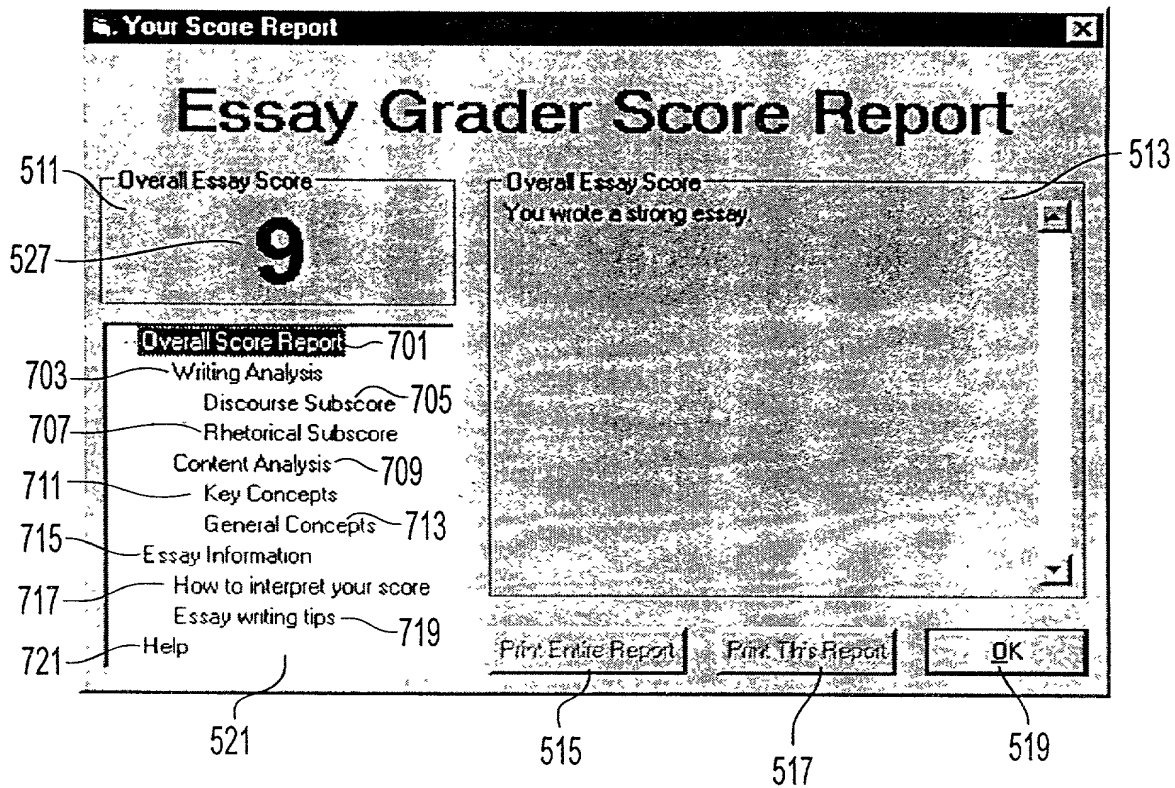


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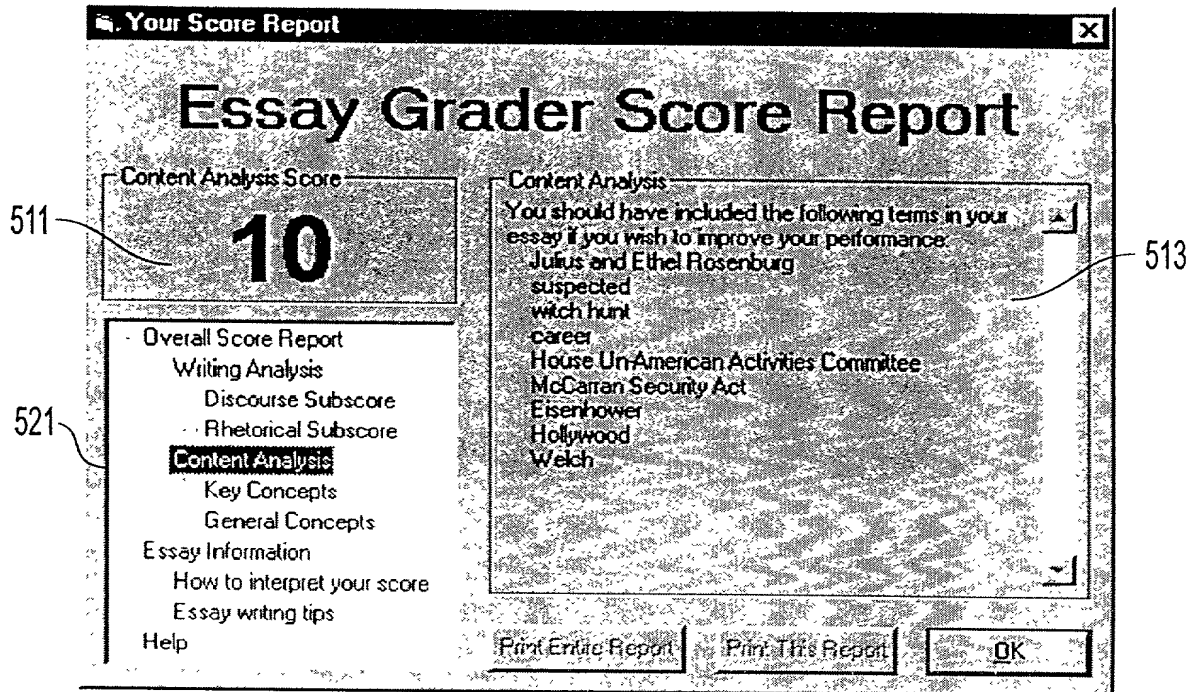


Fig. 10